

UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT RULES

The Office of State Budget and Management has determined that the proposed residential treatment facility rules approved by the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services on May 18, 2005 and considered by the Rules Review Commission (RRC) on October 20, 2005 have a substantial economic impact. Therefore, the Commission for MH/DD/SAS resubmitted the rules for publication in the November 1, 2005 NC Register. Publication in the NC Register initiates the required 60 day comment period which ends on January 16, 2006. Anyone wishing to comment upon the rules must do so in writing to Cindy Kornegay, MH/DD/SAS Rulemaking Coordinator. Contact information is as follows: 3018 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-3018 or email cindy.kornegay@ncmail.net.

The Commission for MH/DD/SAS will hold a public hearing on the proposed rules on January 18, 2006 2:00 PM at Holiday Inn (North) – 2805 Highwoods Blvd., Raleigh, NC 27604. After considering all comments, the Commission for MH/DD/SAS will take final action on the proposed rules. It is anticipated the rules will be reviewed at the February 16, 2006 meeting of the RRC and, if approved, will become effective on March 1, 2006.